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1. I was given an opportunity to read the joint OSI-OSR draft on "Large Mounded Strongpoints" (SAWRFs). I did so, and found that it does not add any details of knowledge beyond what we already know. The draft that I saw concludes that the "LAMs" are (is?) ~~for defense~~ part of an extensive program to defend certain strategic areas against ground attack.

2. OSR did provide me with the attached list of questions which they had framed in preparation for [redacted] coverage, and which include some of the more important on-going questions, from their point of view. [redacted]

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Priority Questions on the LAMSLarge Mounded Strongpoints

1. Does the new photography show anything new or different at any of the LAMS?
2. What is the function of the dome-like structures observed on top of the vertical shafts at each end of the long axis of the LAMS?
3. Examine corridor entrances on the "threat side" of the LAMS for weapons emplacements or additional construction features suggesting a function other than weapon positions.
4. Are the structures positioned at the main corridor entrances on the threat side of the LAMS identical at each of the LAMS? If not, how many variants are there and how do they differ in size and shape?
5. What is the relationship, if any, of the smaller "H" and "Y" structures to the nearby Peking LAMS?
6. Examine "boat-shaped" structures reported near Peking ESE LAMS, at the junction of the Grand Canal and the Peking-Tientsin road. Are these structures similar to or the same as associated structures seen in the vicinity of other LAMS?

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7. In addition to the increased size of corridor sections at the Tientsin LAMS, are there other construction features that differ from practices seen at older LAMS?

8. Does it appear that all the LAMS ultimately have weapon positions between the moat and the mound and along the inner edge of the moat similar to those observed at Shuang-ch'eng-tzu #1?

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